

Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program FAQ

As of July 2013, the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program launched the newest Diagnostic Assessment Program for cancer patients in Barrie, the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program.

This program offers a coordinated approach to shorten wait times for surgical consultation for patients with confirmed breast cancer. An experienced Clerical Navigator is available to provide support to patients and their families during this phase of their cancer journey.

Who is on the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program Team?

There is an extensive multidisciplinary team of health professionals that support the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program consisting of a Clerical Navigator, breast surgeons, mammography, ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologists, radiologists, oncologists, allied health professionals and administrative staff who support this program.

Where is the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program located?

The Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program clinic is located at the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre in RVH, 201 Georgian Drive, Barrie, Ontario. This is where patients will receive their first consultation with a breast surgeon. Follow up will be organized through the navigator, based on the first consultation.

How Can I access the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program?

Patients who receive diagnostic testing at RVH for their suspected breast cancer will automatically be referred into the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program once breast cancer has been pathologically confirmed. The Clerical Navigator will alert each patient's primary care provider of their enrollment in the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program and this provider will notify the patient of the diagnosis and enrollment in the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program.

What Are the Benefits of the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program?

Patients enrolled in the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program will have quicker access to a surgical consultation. Patients and their families will also have the support of a Clerical Navigator and the Multidisciplinary Cancer team through the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre at RVH.

For more information about the Breast Diagnostic Assessment Program, call the Clerical Navigator at 705-728-9090 Ext. 43144

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